



State of Nevada – Department Of Personnel

CLASS SPECIFICATION

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>EEO-4</u>	<u>CODE</u>
LIVESTOCK INSPECTOR	25	C	1.511

Under the direction of the Bureau Chief of Animal Industry, Livestock Inspectors collect blood, milk, and tissue samples from livestock; perform preliminary testing; forward samples or cultures to laboratory; and brand exposed or infected cattle, in order to identify bovine brucellosis and other diseases.

Collect blood samples from livestock; number bleeding tubes; prepare test charts; restrain animals; identify animals with metal ear tag and back tag; draw blood samples; record information on test chart; protect blood samples from deterioration; and package for shipment to laboratory, in order to comply with disease testing requirements.

Vaccinate cattle for brucellosis; ensure female calves presented are between four and twelve months of age; restrain animals; inject animals with vaccine; clean ear wax from right ear and apply vaccination tattoo and ear tag; and complete vaccination record to protect bovine animals from infected or exposed herds.

Identify, restrain and capture animals infected with or exposed to brucellosis; brand with an "S" for exposed or "B" for infected; apply appropriate ear tags; complete forms necessary for shipment or entry; and distribute reporting forms to prevent exposure to healthy cattle.

Obtain milk specimens from commercial milk producers; collect samples from bulk milk tanks for each dairy farm or creamery; identify samples with dairy code; protect samples from deterioration; transport samples to laboratory; and complete testing forms, in order to provide samples for Milk Ring Test.

Collect milk and blood samples for bacteriological culture; restrain animals; number sterile collection tubes; wash and disinfect the udders and teats; collect samples using sterile techniques and protect samples from deterioration; transport to laboratory and complete test charts.

Collect tissue samples from infected animals; prepare specimen collection bags and ice chest; identify animals to be sampled; select appropriate tissues during the butchering process; collect blood samples; prepare specimens for shipment and maintaining related records.

Obtain skin scrapings from livestock and place in metal container; identify and scrape suspicious skin lesions with a knife; label containers, prepare samples for transport to laboratory, and complete required forms.

Participate in animal health compliance activities; monitor livestock movements into and through the State; coordinate work with Division of Brand Inspection, Nevada Highway Patrol and others.

Perform field testing of sera at livestock auctions; ensure bleeding tubes are in numerical sequence and correspond to test chart numbers; prepare tubes for centrifuging; collect clear serum after centrifuging; use a reagent and pipette to place samples on slide following laboratory protocol; read and record test results.

Perform related duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE: Graduation from high school or equivalent education and one year experience working in livestock handling facilities using corrals and other livestock restraining equipment.

ENTRY LEVEL KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES (required at time of application):

General knowledge of: accepted animal husbandry practices; safety precautions around livestock and when vaccinating/testing. **Ability to:** identify sex and breeds of livestock; handle livestock around corrals and chutes; read and accurately record information.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES (typically acquired on the job):

Working knowledge of: procedures for performing official livestock diagnostic tests; diseases and parasites common to livestock. **Ability to:** identify cattle by brand or identifying marks; extract blood and tissue samples; take skin scrapes; age cattle; vaccinate livestock; use branding irons, tattoo and ear tag pliers.

This class specification is used for classification, recruitment and examination purposes. It is not to be considered a substitute for work performance standards for positions assigned to this class.

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